

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-11. (Cancelled).

Claim 12. (Currently Amended) An antimicrobial composition consisting essentially of, by weight, based on the total weight of (a) and (b):

(a) 40-60% of a mixture of 1,2-pentanediol, 1,2-hexanediol and 1,2-octanediol;

(b) 40-60% phenoxyethanol; and

(c) ~~0-10% of a~~ co-biocide present in an amount up to 10%, said biocide selected from the group consisting of sorbic acid, benzoic acid, dibromodicyano-butane, 1,2-benzisothiazolin-3-one, and mixtures thereof, wherein said antimicrobial composition is active against at least one of *E. coli*, *Staph aureus*, *P. aeruginosa*, *B. cepacia*, *C. albicans*, and *A. niger*.

Claim 13. (Cancelled).

Claim 14. (Currently Amended) An antimicrobial composition in accordance with claim ~~13~~ 12 wherein (a) comprises equal parts 1,2-pentanediol, 1,2-hexanediol and 1,2-octanediol.

Claim 15. (Cancelled).

Claim 16. (Currently Amended) An antimicrobial composition in accordance with claim ~~15~~ 12 wherein the co-biocide is sorbic acid or 1,2-benzisothiazolin-3-one.

Claim 17. (Previously Presented) An antimicrobial composition in accordance with claim 16 wherein the co-biocide comprises sorbic acid present in an amount of about 5-7%.

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Claim 18. (Currently Amended) An antimicrobial composition in accordance with claim 12 wherein the composition comprises ~~40%~~ 41-42% (a) and ~~60%~~ 52-53% (b).

Claim 19. (Previously Presented) An antimicrobial composition in accordance with claim 18 wherein the co-biocide comprises sorbic acid present in an amount of about 5-7%.